

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 693 - HB 1557**

March 19, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Revises the procedures for donating and using an anatomical gift within the provisions of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Changes the offense of knowingly purchasing or selling a human organ from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$3,300 / Incarceration\***

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

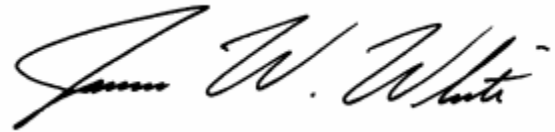
- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures for regulation of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.
- The Department of Safety will not incur a fiscal impact because the bill does not affect the role of driver licenses in the organ donation program.
- Law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and other emergency rescue personnel will have to make a reasonable search of dead or nearly dead individuals for documentation identifying such individual as an organ donor. Such will not result in a significant increase in state and local govt. expenditures.
- One Class E felony every two years with 0.3 years time served (109.58 days). The annualized time served per conviction is 54.79 days (0.50 annual number of convictions x 109.58 days served). According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2007 is \$60.16. The annualized cost per conviction is \$3,296.16 (0.50 x 109.58 days x \$60.16).

- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director